



# Lima Action Plan in Asia and the Pacific

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## MAB Strategy

- ✓ adopted by the MAB ICC at its twenty-seventh session;
- ✓ developed in line with the UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy 2014-2021, the Seville Strategy and the Statutory Framework of the WNBR, and with due consideration for the recommendations emerging from the final evaluation of the Madrid Action Plan (MAP);
- ✓ provides a comprehensive yet succinct framework to achieve these goals and contribute to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- ✓ the Strategic Objectives and Strategic Action Areas of this MAB Strategy will be implemented through the associated Lima Action Plan and their implementation will be assessed using a specific Evaluation Framework.

# MAB Strategy and Lima Action Plan 2016-2025

## Strategic Objectives

- derive directly from
  - *the three functions of biosphere reserves identified in the Statutory Framework for the WNBR, and*
  - *the key global challenge of climate change, identified in the MAP for BRs.*
- 1. Contribute to building sustainable, healthy and equitable societies, economies and thriving human settlements in harmony with the biosphere
- 2. Facilitate biodiversity and sustainability science, education for sustainable development (ESD) and capacity building
- 3. Conserve biodiversity, restore and enhance ecosystem services, and foster the sustainable use of natural resources
- 4. Support mitigation and adaptation to climate change and other aspects of global environmental change



## Lima Action Plan for UNESCO's MAB Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves (2016-2025)

- a comprehensive but succinct set of actions to implement effectively the MAB Strategy 2015-2025;
- the MAB Strategy 2015-2025 and the Lima Action Plan 2016-2025:
  - ❖ founded on the continuity of the Seville Strategy and the Statutory Framework of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) and based on the findings of the evaluation of the implementation of the Madrid Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves (2008-2013).





## Lima Action Plan 2016-2025

- places strong emphasis on thriving societies in harmony with the biosphere for the achievement of the SDGs and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD, both within BRs and beyond, through the global dissemination of the models of SD developed in BRs;
- presented as a matrix, structured according to the Strategic Action Areas of the MAB Strategy 2015-2025;
- includes targeted outcomes, actions and outputs that will contribute to the effective implementation of the strategic objectives contained in the MAB Strategy;
- specifies the entities with prime responsibility for implementation, together with time range and performance indicators;
- MAB National Committees and MAB networks strongly encouraged to prepare their own strategies and action plans (using the MAB Strategy and LAP as the key points of reference). These should be founded in national and regional realities and imperatives and will contribute both to addressing these and to implementing the LAP at the global level.







Outcome	Action	Outputs	Responsibility*	Time range	Performance indicator
<b>Strategic Action Area A. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves consisting of effectively functioning models for sustainable development</b>					
<b>A1. Biosphere Reserves (BRs) recognized as models contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)</b>	A1.1. Promote BRs as sites that actively contribute to achieving the SDGs	BRs have made measurable contributions in support of the achievement of the SDGs that can be replicated and scaled-up	Member States, National Authorities, BRs	2016-2025	Number of BRs with specific initiatives or activities contributing to SDG targets BR concept used in national development agendas
	A1.2. Promote BRs as sites that actively contribute to implementing MEAs, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	BRs managed and supported with a focus on ensuring their successful contributions to MEA implementation	MAB Secretariat, Member states, National MAB Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, BRs	2016-2025	Number of BRs with initiatives or activities contributing to MEA implementation, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
	A1.3. Establish alliances at local, regional, international levels for biodiversity conservation and benefits to local people, taking into consideration the rights of indigenous people	MAB and BRs have established or joined alliances for biodiversity conservation and benefits to local and indigenous people	Member States, National and subnational Authorities, National MAB Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, and BRs.	By the end of 2018	Number of BRs with alliances for conservation and development
	A1.4. Use BRs as priority sites/observatories for climate change research, monitoring, mitigation and adaptation, including in support of the UNFCCC COP21 Paris Agreement	BRs used as priority sites and as observatories for ecosystem-based climate change action	Member States, National Authorities, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO and BRs	By the end of 2020	Number of climate change-related projects implemented in BRs, Number of national climate change strategies acknowledging the role of BRs
	A1.5. Promote green/sustainable/social economy initiatives inside BRs	Sustainable development initiatives established that are inclusive and environmentally integrative. Labels for products and services developed that reflect the BR objectives	BRs, Business sector	2016-2025	Number of BRs promoting green/sustainable/social economy initiatives, Number of economic initiatives implemented in the BR



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	A1.6. Undertake research and ensure the long-term conservation of the socio-ecological systems of BRs including restoration and appropriate management of degraded ecosystems	Socio-ecological systems in BRs are well conserved and maintained	Member States, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, BRs	2016-2025	Number of countries with national legislation to maintain the socio-ecological systems of core areas and buffer zones of BRs. Surface areas of restored ecosystems
<b>A2. Open and participatory selection, planning and implementation of BRs.</b>	A2.1 Provide guidelines to enable Member States to apply the BR concept and implement the Action Plan effectively	Operational guidelines developed, providing a global framework within which regional and national specificities can be taken into account	MAB Secretariat in consultation with MAB ICC Members	End 2017	Adoption of guidelines by MAB ICC in 2018
	A2.2 Ensure processes for selecting, designing, planning, and nominating BRs are open and participatory, involving all concerned stakeholders, taking into account local and indigenous practices, traditions and cultures, and based on sound science.	BR nomination files and BR management plans produced and implemented through participatory approaches, considering local and indigenous practices, traditions and cultures, and based on sound science.	Member States, National and Subnational Authorities, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, BRs	2016-2025	Number of national guidelines and/or policies for the process leading to nomination of BRs
	A2.3. Ensure processes for implementing, managing, monitoring and periodic review of BRs are open and participatory and take into account local and indigenous practices, traditions and cultures	BR management structures, plans and review reports produced and implemented through participatory approaches, considering local and indigenous practices, traditions and cultures and participants	Individual BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-2025	Number of BRs where the new processes are evident in management structures, plans and periodic review reports
	A2.4. Ensure that BRs have clear communication plans and mechanisms to implement these	BR communication plans and mechanisms that ensure communication between BR managers and both stakeholders and MAB networks are developed.	Individual BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-2025	Number of BRs with a Communication Plan. Number of BRs with a formal external communication mechanism
<b>A3 Integration of BRs into relevant legislation, policies and/or programmes complemented by support for the functioning of BRs</b>	A3.1 Recognise BRs in legislation, policies and/or programmes at national and/or subnational levels	BRs integrated into national and regional development, territorial planning, environment and other sectoral legislation, policies and/or programmes	Member States, National and Subnational Authorities, MAB National Committees, BRs	2016-2025	Number of Member States whose national legislation refers to BRs. Number of references to BRs in policies and/or programmes



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	A3.2. Support effective governance and management structures in each BR	Financial and human resources provided to the designated authority or mechanism that implements the BR management policy/plan	National and subnational authorities	2016-2025	Number of BRs with adequate annual budgets and staff
<b>A4 Research, practical learning and training opportunities that support the management of BRs and sustainable development in BRs</b>	A4.1. Establish partnerships with universities/research institutions to undertake research, especially UNESCO Chairs and Centres	Partnerships established, maintained, and reinforced. Capacity building events organized.	BRs, MAB National Committees, <i>Partner universities, research institutions, etc.</i>	By the end of 2020	Number of strategic and functional partnerships. Number of publications. Number of training and capacity building events
	A4.2. Establish partnerships with educational and training institutions, especially UNESCO Chairs, Centres and Associated schools, to undertake education, training and capacity building activities aimed at BR stakeholders, including managers and rights holders, taking into account the SDGs	Partnerships established, maintained, and reinforced. Education and training courses and programmes implemented	BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, <i>Educational and training institutions including those involved in the Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD</i>	By the end of 2020	Number of partnerships. Number of training events and programmes at national and BR levels
	A4.3 Provide adequate research infrastructure in each BR	Research activities undertaken and research outputs generated that inform BR management and increase knowledge	BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	By the end of 2020	Number of research outputs generated that are applicable to management and training
	A4.4. Identify, and disseminate good practices for sustainable development, and identify and eliminate unsustainable practices in BRs	Good and unsustainable practices identified through research, and lessons learned shared to inform BR management	BRs, MAB Committees, National and sub-national authorities. <i>Partner universities, research institutes, private enterprises, etc.</i>	2016-2025	Number of good practices identified. Number of unsustainable practices eliminated
	A4.5. Encourage managers, local communities and other BR stakeholders to collaborate in designing and implementing projects that inform the management and sustainable development of their BR	Collaborative research projects undertaken. Results of research integrated in management plans	BRs, national and subnational authorities, <i>Research institutions</i>	2016-2025	Number of BRs with collaborative research projects Number of development actions informed by research





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<b>A5. Financial sustainability of BRs</b>	A5.1. Develop a business plan for each BR including, generation of revenues and effective partnerships with potential funders	BR business plan developed	BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, National and subnational Authorities	By the end of 2018	Number of BRs with business plan
	A5.2. Implement the BR business plan to produce revenues	BR business plan implemented	BRs, National authorities, other stakeholders	2019-2025	Proportion of BR budget generated by BR Number of BRs with sustained funding
	A5.3. Strengthen national and subnational financial contributions to BRs	National and/or subnational commitment to funding BRs published	MAB National Committees, National and subnational Authorities	2016-2025	Number of BRs with sustained funding
<b>A6. The effective functioning of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, with all BRs complying with its Statutory Framework</b>	A6.1. Implement an effective periodic review process as defined in the Statutory Framework	Periodic review process implemented in line with the Statutory Framework	National and subnational Authorities, BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-2025	Number of BRs that comply with Statutory Framework on the basis of periodic review reports submitted on time
	A6.2. Apply adaptive management processes in BRs	Adaptive management processes applied by BRs	BRs, National and subnational Authorities	2016-2025	Number of BRs that apply adaptive management principles, as evidenced by periodic review reports
<b>A7 BRs recognized as sources and stewards of ecosystem services</b>	A7.1. Identify ecosystem services and facilitate their long-term provision, including those contributing to health and wellbeing	Actions to facilitate the provision of ecosystem services from BRs implemented	Member States, National and subnational Authorities, BRs	2016-2025	Quality and quantity of ecosystem services provided by BRs, as indicated in periodic reviews
	A7.2. Implement mechanisms for the equitable payment for ecosystem services (PES)	Equitable PES mechanisms in BRs implemented	Member States, National and subnational Authorities, and BRs	2016-2025	Number of BRs where PES schemes are implemented
	A7.3. Implement programmes to preserve, maintain and promote species and varieties of economic and/or cultural value and that underpin the provision of ecosystem services	Initiatives with these goals or that include these goals among others implemented	BRs, Member States, subnational Authorities, other stakeholders	2016-2025	Number of initiatives per BR targeted to improve the status of species of economic and/or cultural value



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<b>Strategic Action Area B. Inclusive, dynamic and result-oriented collaboration and networking within the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves</b>					
<b>B1. Effective BR managers/ coordinators and engaged stakeholders of BRs</b>	B1.1. Organize global education, capacity building and training programmes	Global education, capacity building and training programmes established and operational	MAB Secretariat, Regional and thematic MAB networks	2016-2025	Number of programmes established. Number of events and participants
	B1.2. Organize regional education, capacity building and training programmes	Regional education, capacity building and training programmes established and operational, including University courses	MAB Secretariat, UNESCO Field Offices, Regional and thematic networks, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO Universities	2016-2025	Number of programmes established. Number of events and participants, and BRs represented
<b>B2. Inclusive regional and thematic networks</b>	B2.1. Ensure the participation of all relevant stakeholders in regional and thematic networks	Regional and thematic network meetings have taken steps to ensure broader participation of stakeholders	Regional and thematic networks	2016-2025	Number and diversity of participants in networks
<b>B3. Regional and thematic networks with adequate resources</b>	B3.1. Develop a business plan for each network	Network business plan developed	Regional and thematic networks	By the end of 2018	Number of networks with business plan
<b>B4. Effective regional and thematic level collaboration</b>	B4.1. Create opportunities for collaborative research, implementation and monitoring	Working Groups established to develop collaborative research projects and activities	Regional and thematic networks	2016-2025	Number of Working Groups established Number of collaborative activities
<b>B5. Visibility of regional and thematic networks and their activities</b>	B5.1. Disseminate results of network activities internally, and externally, including cases of good practice in BRs	Network reports produced, web and social media information generated	Regional and thematic networks	2016-2025	Frequency and nature of communication activity for each network
<b>B.6. Transnational and transboundary cooperation between BRs</b>	B6.1. Create and implement twinning arrangements between BRs in different countries	Operational twinning arrangements established	Member States, National Authorities, BRs, National MAB Committees	By the end of 2018	Number of twinning arrangements
	B6.2. Designate and implement transboundary BRs (TBRs)	TBRs designated and implemented	Member States, National Authorities, National MAB Committees	By the end of 2020	Number of TBRs
<b>B.7 An active and open interdisciplinary network of scientists/ knowledge holders sharing MAB vision and mission</b>	B7.1. Establish an international network-of scientists/knowledge holders working in and with BRs, that engages with national and other international networks of scientists/knowledge holders	International network of scientists/ knowledge holders active in and with BRs established	Scientists/knowledge holders in National MAB Committees, regional and thematic networks <i>Other scientists/ knowledge holders working in/with BRs</i>	By the end of 2017	Number and profile of members of the network. Formal links between the network and other national and international networks of scientists/ knowledge holders
	B7.2. Develop a joint research and knowledge exchange agenda for the international network	Joint research and knowledge exchange agenda developed	Scientists in National MAB Committees, BRs, regional and thematic networks	By the end of 2019	Quality and content of the joint research agenda. Number of activities undertaken



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<b>Strategic Action Area C. Effective external partnerships and sufficient and sustainable funding for the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves</b>					
<b>C1. Adequate resources for the MAB programme and the WNBR</b>	C1.1. Prepare a business and a marketing plan to be endorsed by the ICC	Draft business and marketing plan presented to the ICC for adoption	MAB Secretariat	Before MAB ICC in 2018	Plan endorsed by ICC
	C1.2. Implement the business and marketing plan	Business and marketing plan implemented	All MAB stakeholders	Starting in 2018	Financial resources mobilized
<b>C2. Recognition of the MAB Programme as a key partner within UNESCO and with other international organizations and relevant conventions</b>	C2.1. Create and realise opportunities for collaboration and partnerships within UNESCO	Partnerships between MAB and other UNESCO programmes and entities established, maintained, and/or reinforced. MAB Programme and BRs referred to in UNESCO C/4 and C/5 documents	MAB Secretariat, networks and MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-25	Number of collaborations and partnerships within UNESCO
	C2.2. Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with international programmes and relevant conventions	Proposals developed and discussed with international programmes and relevant conventions concerning collaboration and partnerships	MAB Secretariat, networks and MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	By the end of 2017	Number of collaborations and partnerships with international programmes
<b>C3. BRs and regional networks generating their own revenues</b>	C3.1. Support capacity building in approaches to generate revenue	Capacity building events on approaches to generate revenue organized	MAB Secretariat, regional networks, National agencies	2016-2025	Number of events organized. Number of participants
	C3.2. Promote partnerships to raise funds from external entities with objectives that are compatible with those of the MAB Programme	Partnerships established and funds mobilized for projects that target the application of policies or programmes external to BRs	BRs, groups of BRs, MAB National Committees, regional networks	2016-2025	Number of BRs and regional networks with activities funded through partnerships
<b>C4. Recognition of the MAB Programme as a key partner by private sector</b>	C4.1. Develop guidelines on private sector partnerships for national committees and BRs	Operational guidelines developed	MAB Secretariat, MAB National Committees	Before MAB ICC in 2018	Adoption of guidelines by ICC in 2018
	C4.2. Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with private sector which are open, accountable and sustainable	Partnerships with private sector established, maintained and/or reinforced	All MAB stakeholders	2018-2025	Number of collaborations and partnerships with private sector



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<b>C5. Recognition that the MAB Programme contributes to the delivery of the objectives of national, regional funding programs</b>	C5.1. Create opportunities for projects and activities funded by national and regional funding agencies	Project proposals prepared targeting national and regional funding agencies in line with shared objectives	Member States, National MAB Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO BRs	2016-2025	Number of projects funded by national and regional funding mechanisms
<b>C6. Entrepreneurs and social enterprises contribute to BR activities</b>	C6.1. Provide guidance and training to entrepreneurs and social enterprises on involvement in BRs	Guidance and training provided to entrepreneurs and social enterprises	National MAB Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, MAB Secretariat, national agencies, <i>Business sector, Universities, research institutions</i>	2016-2025	Number of countries that provide guidance. Number of entrepreneurs reached
	C6.2. Create opportunities for entrepreneurs and social enterprises in BRs, including training, incentives and public procurement	Entrepreneurs and social enterprises provided with ideas, partnerships and mechanisms to engage with BRs	<del>BRs</del> <del>Social enterprises,</del> <del>entrepreneurs,</del> <del>academics.</del>	2016-2025	Number of businesses and enterprises involved with BRs Number of mechanisms established that connect entrepreneurs to BRs Reduced proportion of public funding in BR budgets
<b>C7. Recognition of BRs nationally and internationally</b>	C7.1. Undertake an analysis of a strengthened global BR brand, and establish this, with associated national guidelines	Global BR brand established with associated national guidelines	MAB Secretariat, National MAB Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	By the end of 2018	Official launch of the brand and guidelines
	C7.2. Use the brand in products and services in line with national guidelines	BR brand used in marketing of goods and services in line with national guidelines	BRs, MAB Secretariat, National Authorities, National MAB Committees <i>Business sector</i> <i>Social enterprises</i>	2019-2025	Number of products and services that carry the BR brand
<b>C8. Enhanced synergies between BRs</b>	C8.1. Encourage joint promotion and marketing of BR products and services among BRs and beyond	Information exchanged on the availability of goods and services in BRs and joint schemes implemented	National Authorities, BRs <i>Business sector</i>	2016-2025	Number of joint marketing schemes established. Number of products and services available in the framework of these schemes



Outcome	Action	Outputs	Responsibility*	Time range	Performance indicator
<b>Strategic Action Area D. Comprehensive, modern, open, and transparent communication, information and data sharing</b>					
<b>D1. Full availability of MAB documents, data, information and other material</b>	D1.1. Implement the open access policy adopted by the ICC in 2014	Open access established to MAB documents, data, information and other materials	MAB Secretariat, Networks, Member States, National Authorities, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, BRs	By the end of 2016	Online availability of documents data and other materials. Number of countries implementing the open access policy
<b>D2. Increased awareness of all aspects of the MAB Programme</b>	D2.1. Create a communication strategy and an action plan	Communication strategy and action plan created	MAB Secretariat, National and subnational Authorities, and MAB National Committees	By the end of 2018	Communication strategy and action plan endorsed by ICC
	D2.2. Implement the communication action plan	Communication and action plan implemented	MAB Secretariat, National Authorities, and MAB National Committees, BRs, regional networks	2019--2025	Visibility of MAB as measured by: Number of visitors to MAB and BR web sites. Number of downloads of MAB-related documents. Number of MAB-related references in international media
	D2.3. Implement a coordinated publications programme to facilitate data and knowledge sharing	Coordinated publications programme implemented	MAB Secretariat	2016-2025	Number of publications produced
	D2.4. Effectively implement the MAB web site (MABNet).	MABNet, established and operational as the key communication, data and information hub for MAB, with a clear data policy	MAB Secretariat	2016-2025	Content on MABNet is continually updated. Number of visitors of MABNet. Number of downloads of MAB-related documents.
<b>D3. Broader Engagement and outreach</b>	D3.1. Use social media and other novel information and communication technologies	Social media and other novel information and communication technologies in place and operational	National Authorities, All MAB stakeholders	2016-2025	Number of MAB stakeholders who use social media and other technologies Average number of posts, blogs, documents and other activities





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<b>Strategic Action Area E. Effective governance of and within the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves</b>					
<b>E1 Strong support for the implementation of the MAB programme from the governments of Member States</b>	E1.1. Ensure the active participation of at least one representative of each ICC Member State at each MAB ICC session	Effective and democratic ICC sessions	Member States, National Authorities, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-25	Number of Member States represented at each ICC
	E1.2. Provide institutional support and resources to ensure that each MAB Committee and National BR network can carry out its mission	National MAB Committees and national BR networks provided with resources ensuring their functioning	Member States, National Authorities, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-25	Number of MAB Committees and national BR networks with adequate funding
<b>E2 MAB National Committees have a trans-disciplinary membership</b>	E2.1. Ensure that each MAB national committee has a transdisciplinary and representative composition	National MAB Committees composed of a well-balanced membership reflecting the transdisciplinary nature of MAB and ensuring the participation of BRs	MAB National Committees, Member States, National Authorities, National Commissions for UNESCO	2016-25	Numbers of sectors, agencies and disciplines within each MAB Committee
<b>E3. Regular progress updates by Member States and monitoring of the Action Plan</b>	E3.1. Submit a biennial report to the ICC covering progress made in each Member State, using a template provided by the MAB secretariat	Biennial reports submitted to the ICC using a template based on performance indicators provided by the MAB Secretariat. Monitoring report generated by the MAB Secretariat on the basis of national reports	Member States, National Authorities, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO MAB Secretariat	2016-2025	Number of Member States that submit national reports. Biennial reports and monitoring report available on MABnet
	E3.2. Evaluate mid-term implementation of the action plan	Mid-term evaluation conducted and discussed among MAB stakeholders, providing the basis for implementation of the second half of the action plan	MAB Secretariat in consultation with UNESCO IOS	2020	Mid-term evaluation report is available. Evaluation report is presented and discussed at the ICC.
<b>E4. Effective functioning of regional and thematic networks</b>	E4.1. Develop plan with objectives, performance assessment mechanism and timeframe for each regional and thematic network	Plans with objectives and performance assessment mechanisms developed by regional and thematic networks	Regional and thematic networks	By the end of 2017	Number of networks with adequate plans
	E4.2. Submit an annual report to the ICC on performance of the regional and thematic network	Annual performance reports submitted to the ICC by regional and thematic networks	Regional and thematic networks	2017-2025	Proportion of networks that submit performance report. Proportion of annual regional and thematic network reports available on MABnet



# Asia Pacific Biosphere Reserves Network

**142 biosphere reserves** (*out of 669 BRs*) in **24 countries**  
(*out of 120*)

- **East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network (EABRN)**
- **South and Central Asia MAB Network (SACAM)**
- **Southeast Asia network of Biosphere Reserves (SeaBRnet)**
- **Pacific network of Biosphere Reserves (PacMAB)**





# Asia Pacific Biosphere Reserve Network

(4WCBR - Lima Action Plan)

## East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network

- highlighted the unique role played by EABRN in bringing together scientists, BRs managers and local community representatives for open exchanges, debate, research and cooperation;
- the durability and success of EABRN demonstrates how MAB and its networks to serve as a forum for joint research and scientific exchange across political as well as institutional boundaries - the importance of this role as implementation of the Lima Action Plan gets under way;
- the particular potential of BRs to serve as models for local SD, drawing on local initiatives in areas such as education, public engagement, interdisciplinary research and environmental monitoring;
- encouraged BRs to pursue the collection of long-term data, to be made available as a basis for local sustainable development;
- particular efforts to be made to ensure the engagement and participation of BRs managers in networking and capacity development events and programme.





# Asia Pacific Biosphere Reserve Network

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## East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network – *cont.*

### *Main Recommendations*

- acknowledged the focus of the LAP on *inclusive, dynamic and results-oriented collaboration and networking* within the MAB programme, asking that efforts be made to ensure the active and engaged participation of all BRs in network activities and a reinforced focus on site-to-site cooperation;
- acknowledged the LAP's emphasis on *communication, information and data sharing*, and requested that particular effort be made to enhance communication and information sharing within MAB and its networks at all levels. In this regard, the workshop asked that full use of communication technology be made – for example through the development of websites and social media platforms, taking care to ensure that information is disseminated responsibly - in order to ensure continuous exchange;
- stressed the importance of mobilizing adequate resources to allow MAB's networks function optimally, noting that networking and exchange is an essential part of MAB's core mission;



encouraged member states to develop national action plans on the basis of the LAP, as has been done by the Republic of Korea - and to consider, where appropriate, the integration of BRs into national legislation frameworks.



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## South and Central Asia MAB Network (SACAM)

- reviewed a number of best practices within individual BRs and the involvement of populations in management & providing livelihood opportunities;
- SACAM should actively work towards engaging local communities in order to strengthen the management and governance processes by developing appropriate indicators for review of BR performance and also to promote application of indigenous Knowledge in various BR planning processes;
- stressed that periodic review of implementation of MAPs show improvement leading to conservation and sustainable development;
- the wealth of information provided within these reports that highlight issues faced by many which could be taken note of by the MAB secretariat to be addressed.







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## South and Central Asia MAB Network (SACAM) - *cont.*

### ***Main recommendations***

- the need to identify common interests and subjects across the SACAM network under a new thinking to ask itself what makes us together as a network?
- SACAM Network should base their planning and efforts in identifying new value and new thinking, and echoing that in one voice, to make the system transparent, accountable, and legitimate;
- agreed that there is a need for formulation of SACAM regional plan that includes cooperation within regional countries in line with the LAP;
- the need for using existing platforms such as the ECO and synchronizing with various UN programs stressed.





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## Southeast Asia and Pacific networks of BRs- SeaBRnet & PacMAB

### *Main Recommendations*

- BRs should not be demonstration sites for SDGs only for UNESCO but for the whole UN system, the LAP could help to create or strengthen the links with other UN Agencies;
- in the same line of partnerships and networking, LAP should reflect and serve to strengthen the links of the MAB Programme with:
  - the national decision makers at the country levels.
  - the regional institutions or bodies such as ASEAN and other international organizations.
  - the other regional networks of the MAB. For example the biannual meeting of the whole Asia Pacific BR network is a best practice to be maintained.
- the implementation of the LAP could be facilitated if the document reflected in a clearer way to link with Biodiversity related conventions and strategic action plans (e.g. CBD);



capacity building not only in BR management but especially in communication and collaboration is key for a successful implementation of the LAP.



## On the way forward

- CBD invites MAB together with IHP and LINKS to address the **Aichi Biodiversity Target 14** *'By 2020, ecosystems that provide essential services, including services related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and well-being, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable'*;
- The WNBR's strength and a comparative advantage of UNESCO MAB Programme;
- such cooperation with MAB is in line with the **MAB Strategy 2015-2025** and the reporting on the implementation of the **Lima Action Plan 2016-2025**.
- a very positive development for MAB and WNBR;
- further opportunity of cooperation with CBD shall be explored in advancing our work for performance indicators and efficient reporting on Lima Action Plan implementation, as well as developing new extra-budgetary projects of MAB in connection to Aichi Biodiversity Target 14.





## On the way forward – *cont.*

- Facilitating role of FOs
- Implementing role of regional and sub-regional BRs networks
- Thematic networks and initiatives
- Regional Office for SCs in Asia and the Pacific – Jakarta Office
- Cluster Offices
- Stakeholders and partnerships networks
- National initiatives:
  - Wakatobi Workshop on the Role of local governments in the implementation of LAP (the Wakatobi Biosphere Reserve, Indonesia).
    - an example of the immediate follow up to the Lima Congress and
    - an important step in the implementation of Lima Action Plan (LAP).





# Network of Cluster Offices

**Almaty:** Cluster Office to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

**Apia:** CO to Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Tokelau (Assoc. Member).

**Beijing:** CO to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea.

**Bangkok** (RO for Education in Asia and the Pacific): Cluster Office to Thailand, Myanmar, Laos PDR, Singapore, Viet Nam and Cambodia.

**Jakarta:** CO to Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Timor Leste.

**New Delhi:** CO to Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.



**Tehran:** Cluster Office to Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan and Turkmenistan. Project Antenna/Desks: Dili, Yangon, Ulaanbaatar.





# MAB Programme in the upcoming period

*(39 C/5 planning)*

- UNESCO should give more programmatic focus to the MAB Programme.
  - With its holistic global approach to sustainable development in addressing environmental challenges encompassing scientific research, economic development and social and cultural dimensions, and anchored in the reality on the ground in member states through its WNBRs, it is a major strategic tool for UNESCO to assist member states in implementing the 17 SDGs.
  - MAB programme strongly contributes to almost all of the targets of SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
  - MAB Programme is the only UN entity or international programme which includes both a strategic comprehensive vision for sustainable development and powerful implementation tool endorsed and adhered to by member states.
  - With both thematic focus and site specific examples of sustainable development, the MAB programme has the potential to integrate aspects of all of UNESCO science programmes not only the environmental programmes on freshwater, the earth sciences, actions on renewable energy and disaster risk reduction but also the multiple aspects of Strategic Objective 4 for example, entrepreneurship, youth employment and STEM education.
- MAB Programme will strengthen its contributions to the research community and the science-policy interface.





# MAB Programme in the upcoming period

*(39 C/5 planning) - cont.*

## **Regionalization**

- The ownership for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs, representing a multifaceted and interconnected approach, lies with the Member States.
- Regional approaches will be developed to tailor UNESCO's responses to regional and individual Member State needs, giving more authority to the field network to define priorities within the scope of the approved programme.
- For each region, a critical mass of expertise for each thematic area will have to be secured to apply an integrated approach in line with the 2030 Agenda and other relevant international development agendas.

At headquarters (HQ) SC will focus on upstream work financed essentially through the regular programme: concepts and strategies, benchmarking and normative work, monitoring and reporting, projects of a truly global nature, pilot initiatives and the backstopping of field operations.

The main part of programme implementation regionally and nationally will be led by the Field Offices (FO), based largely on extrabudgetary funding. FO will play a more prominent role in managing regional networks and interregional South – South Cooperation.





# MAB Programme in the upcoming period

*(39 C/5 planning) - cont.*

## **Thematic area 6: Sites for sustainable development**

- MAB, with its comprehensive global approach to sustainable development addresses environmental challenges, scientific research, biodiversity conservation, and its economic, social and cultural dimensions.
- As it is also anchored in the reality on the ground in Member States through its WNBR, it serves as a major strategic tool for UNESCO to assist Member States in implementing the SDGs and key Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) such as the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD.
- Through its Strategy (2015-2025) and Lima Action Plan (2016-2025), MAB contributes significantly to almost all of the targets of SDG 15.
- Through the WNBR, MAB has the potential to play an important role in addressing SDGs 4, 5, 9, 11 and 13, advancing the UNFCCC Paris Agreement. UNESCO could propose to other agencies such as UNIDO and the International Renewable Energy Agency to use the WNBR for their programme implementation on the ground.





# MAB Programme in the upcoming period

*(39 C/5 planning) – cont.*

## **Thematic area 6: Sites for sustainable development – cont.**

- The MAB Programme is a rare UN entity which includes both a strategic comprehensive vision for sustainable development and a powerful implementation tool endorsed and adhered to by Member States. With both thematic focus and site-specific examples of sustainable development, the MAB Programme has the potential to integrate aspects of all the UNESCO science programmes. At the same time it links to the work of other sectors in relation to ESD, green economy and sustainable tourism, social inclusion, transboundary aspects, and multi-stakeholder management.
- Communities living in and around biosphere reserves can make important contributions through citizen science programmes by monitoring changes in their special environments. Specific efforts will be devoted to communication and outreach on the contribution of MAB to the SDGs and MEAs. Case studies and existing good examples and lessons learned from BRs will be shared and promoted through different communication tools.





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